



Discipleship Study



Bagging beans for those in need

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Thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf. Below is a list of our daily prayer requests.

Sunday

Visitors that are attending our services

Monday

That our plans and actions are guided directly by God and that He gets the glory in everything we do

Tuesday

Our Spanish language proficiency

Wednesday

Individual Bible studies with non-believers

Thursday

Mid-week group Bible study in our home

Friday

DESEO program and Youth group

Saturday

CRESCO Program

And the Lord added to their number...

...those who were being saved. Acts 2:47b

What an exciting month we had! On Tuesday, September 12th, we loaded up our car and headed to Santa Rosa with a group of people ready to commit their lives to Christ. Please welcome and pray for your new brother and sisters in Christ: Olivia and Teresa (mother and daughter), Claudia, Tonito and Elena.



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“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

In an effort to live out and obey the entirety of the Lord’s instructions given in the “great commission”, we have begun “maturing studies” for all of our new Christians. The Church in Santa Rosa provides for its members a study called “Your First Forty Days.” This is a very basic study for brand new Christians. It gives them scriptures to read, topics to study and things to pray about in their first days as a new creation in Christ. This is just the first of several study guides available for their personal spiritual growth. Our plan is to continue moving through each study, making time to meet with them weekly.

Bible reading and especially *daily* Bible reading is a new concept to most of our news brothers and sisters as many of them have never read nor owned a Bible before beginning studying with us. We often take for granted the availability of Bibles and the abundance of daily Bible reading plans that we have in the States. This is not the case for the people of Honduras. So, not only are these individuals beginning a new walk of faith, they are also beginning to form new habits. This change does not come easy. Please pray for the new Christians in Corquín as they learn to lay aside their old lives and begin learning new habits that will bring about maturity to their newfound faith.

Earthquakes and Other Adventures

Part of the road between Corquín and Santa Rosa is located on a fault. Due to occasional ground movement, road repairs are commonplace. However, shortly after the large earthquake in Mexico, we experienced our own tremors. Late in the evening of September 12th, after we returned from our baptisms, the unthinkable happened. The ground split open. Houses crumbled. School walls split. And just like that, life for hundreds of people changed dramatically; many of whom lost everything they owned.

One of our new Christians, Irma Santos, has many relatives in the damaged area so we quickly became aware of the magnitude of the problem. On Thursday of that week, several of our ladies pitched in to lend a helping hand. We prepared plates of rice and purchased snacks and drinks and drove out to the affected areas. As we approached, we passed miles of semi trucks from other countries parked in the right lane as they were unable to cross the “great divide.” This made driving a bit dangerous as we had to drive in the left lane, but we continued on. We were stopped multiple times, being told to go back as continuing on was not possible, however, these police, after hearing we were bringing supplies to the stranded people allowed us passage. We arrived to a central location and parked the car. We opened up the back hatch and began serving families meals, giving cookies to children and filling cups with drinks. After depleting our plates of food, we began walking along the road stopping and offering a cold drink to those gathered in groups or sitting in front of their broken homes.

What we saw was heart breaking. In a blink of an eye everything these people owned and worked for was gone.

Check out our September video by copying and pasting this link in your search browser:
<https://youtu.be/EM-K2zsHC4Q>

Earthquakes ...*continued*

The following day, we struck out again to Ajagual, the location of all the damage. The Simpson family and others from Mission UpReach in Santa Rosa brought a truck bed full of supplies and met us there. It wasn't easy getting through, but with much help from the authorities, we managed. We gathered in Irma's relative's house, which was damaged, but still livable, and we formed assembly lines of food preparation. We made sandwiches and baleadas (refried beans and cream folded in a tortilla). We traveled by foot delivering what we prepared, bananas, water and cookies to everyone we could. Everyone we met was so thankful and appreciative of a token of kindness. As we drove home, empty handed, we took notice of the truck drivers who had been stuck on the side of the road for days.

Determined to do something, we returned to Corquín, made more food, bought more water and headed back out to bring a small meal, a drink, and a blessing from our Lord to every truck driver and weary traveler we saw. The look of astonishment and gratitude on their faces were priceless. I don't think they could believe their eyes! We returned home in the dark with an empty car and full hearts. The following week we went out again, this time to get the names of each family member affected by the earthquake. The church decided to take up an offering on the 24th in order to buy basic necessities for that community. The plan will be for the members of the church to take these supplies after services on Sunday and deliver them personally to the families in Ajagual. We were not able to take the bus to Santa Rosa, however 36 met in Corquín in our home for services. The group took up a collection to add to the one taken in Santa Rosa. We are so proud of the generosity they showed in their giving!



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